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SUBJECT: GOJ-SPONSORED BONES COLLECTION MISSION TO
ENIWETOK ATOLL

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM MOFA REQUESTING USG
APPROVAL OF GOJ-SPONSORED BONES COLLECTION MISSION TO
ENIWETOK ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS. IN ADDITION TO REQUEST
FOR USG APPROVAL, NOTE ASKS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
TRANSPORT AND LOGISTIC MATTERS RELATING TO MISSION. TEXT
OF JAPANESE REQUEST FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE; WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE
OFFICIALS CONCERNED OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON JULY 21,
1978, CONCERNING THE BONES COLLECTION ACTIVITIES BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, THE MINISTRY
INFORMS THE EMBASSY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WISHES TO
DISPATCH A MISSION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING BONES OF
THE JAPANESE WAR-DEAD, FOR ABOUT TWENTY DAYS FROM THE LATTER
HALF OF SEPTEMBER TO THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER (EXACT
ITINERARY WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE EMBASSY WHEN IT IS
FINALIZED) TO THE FOLLOWING THREE ISLANDS OF ENIWETOK ATOLL,
THE MARCHALL ISLANDS: FRED, ELMER AND JANET (WHICH ARE
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SAID TO BE CODE NAMES).

THE MISSION, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF TWO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AND TWENTY PERSONS FROM SUCH PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AS JAPAN
WAR-BEREAVED FAMILY ASSOCIATION, JAPAN YOUTH SOCIETY FOR
BONES COLLECTION AND MARSHALLS COMRADE-AT-ARMS ASSOCIATION
(NAMES TO BE FURNISHED TO THE EMBASSY LATER) WILL EXCAVATE,

COLLECT AND CREMATE BONES AT SITES TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES. CREMATED ASHES AND BELONGINGS OF THE WAR-DEAD WHOSE OWNERS CAN BE IDENTIFIED WILL BE REPATRIATED TO JAPAN BY THE MISSION. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WOULD GRANT PERMISSION TO THIS VISIT AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY PERMITS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION, ACCOMPANIED BY A "SURETY AND GUARANTEE" FROM OUR CONSUL GENERAL IN GUAM IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL POLICE CERTIFICATES, WILL BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS WHEN PERMISSION FOR THE VISIT OF THE MISSION IS GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SHOULD PROVIDE THE FORMER WITH ANSWERS OR RELATED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(1) THE BONES COLLECTION MISSION INTENDS TO REQUEST HOLWES & NARVER INC. FOR BOARD AND LODGING AS WELL AS MACHINES AND TOOLS INCLUDING A BULLDOZER FOR EXCAVATION DURING ITS STAY IN FRED ISLAND.

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-- I) DOES HOLWES & NARVER INC. STILL CARRY ON BUSINESS IN FRED ISLAND?

-- II) IF THE ANSWER IS YES, WHAT IS ITS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER?

(2) IS IT POSSIBLE FOR THE MISSION TO RENT THREE MEDIUM-SIZED TRUCKS (FOR 7-10 PERSONS) IN FRED ISLAND?

(3) IS THERE ANY LANDING CRAFT, WHICH COULD TRANSPORT ONE TRUCK ABOVE MENTIONED AS WELL AS SOME TEN MEMBERS OF THE MISSION BETWEEN FRED, ELMER AND JANET?

(4) THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT U.S. MILITARY FORCE HAS A REGULAR FLIGHT TO ENIWETOK ATOLL FROM HAWAII OR KWAJALEIN ATOLL.

IS THAT FLIGHT AVAILABLE FOR THE MISSION? (THE MISSION IS READY TO BEAR EXPENSES REQUIRED IF IT IS AVAILABLE.)

(5) IF THE U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT IS NOT AVAILABLE, WOULD CHARTER CIVIL AIRCRAFT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY LIKE NAURU

REPUBLIC BE ABLE TO MAKE LANDING AT ENIWETOK?
(6) IS THERE ANY INFORMATION ON THE SITE IN EACH OF THE
THREE ISLANDS WHERE THE REMAINS OF THE JAPANESE WAR DEAD
HAVE BEEN BURIED? IF THERE IS ANY, THE MISSION WOULD
APPRECIATE IF IT COULD OBTAIN THE INFORMATION BEFOREHAND.
END TEXT. MANSFIELD

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